

**Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP**  
**Citizenship Ceremony – Department of Home Affairs**  
**State Library**  
**Saturday, 26 October, 2019**

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Good Afternoon Ladies and gentlemen.

I am delighted to be here today with my wife Patricia to witness this special occasion as you take your pledge to become Australian citizens.

The many family and friends who have supported you to be here today will also see this as a special occasion.

I acknowledge the Whadjup people of the Nyungar Nation, the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today and I pay respect to their Elders past, present and emerging.

As the mayor of the City of Cockburn it is also an opportunity to welcome you as a continuing member of our community. Many of you will have lived in Cockburn for a number of years and established your home and become familiar with many of the community facilities and services available to you and your family. Where you have children they may also be attending a local school.

The City of Cockburn has strong partnerships with our business, education, faith groups, community groups, sporting clubs, cultural organisations and service clubs

that assist us in understanding the changing needs of our community and the services that they all offer.

Some of you may already be members of one or more of these organisations which I commend to you in the context of 'getting to know' the community where you live.

The City offers a comprehensive range of services with information on each available on-line or through our libraries located in Coolbellup, Spearwood or Success or via our Volunteer Resource Centre or the City's call centre on T. 94113 444.

In closing, on behalf of our elected members, I congratulate you on becoming Australian citizens and I look forward to seeing you 'out and about' in the community.

Thank you.